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# ANNUAL REPORTS

of the Town Officers  
of  
MASON, N. H.

*For the year  
ending January 31*

1928





# ANNUAL REPORT

*of the*

Selectmen and Treasurer

*of the*

# Town of Mason

*together with the reports of*

Road Agents, School Board and Other  
Officers of the Town and  
School District

*for the*

Financial Year Ending January 31, 1928

*Also*

## VITAL STATISTICS

For the Year Ending  
December 31

1927



## TOWN OFFICERS

### *Moderator*

JOHN T. SMITH

*Clerk and Treasurer*

## FRANK B. FARWELL

### Selectmen

EDGAR S. KENNEDY      STANLEY A. FLAGG  
                          ELLERY F. REED

### *Tax Collector*

## ALBERT B. EATON

### *Auditor*

JOHN T. SMITH

## *Highway Agents*

FRED L. BROWN HAROLD MILLER  
CHARLES L. BROWN

### *Supervisors*

## *Health Officer*

EDGAR S. KENNEDY

## *Library Trustees*

MYRTIE B. ADAMS      HARRIET E. WHITAKER

*Trustees of Boynton School Fund*



## TOWN WARRANT

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### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mason, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at Town House in said Mason on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.
3. To choose two Trustees of the Boynton Common School Fund.
4. To choose one Trustee of the Stearns Common School Bequest.
5. To choose one Trustee of Cemeteries for three years.
6. To choose one Trustee for Mason Free Library.
7. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for repairs of highways and bridges.

8. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for Library purposes.
9. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for care of Cemeteries.
10. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of the State Law necessary to receive the benefit of the State Aid for permanent improvements of highways.
11. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for Memorial purposes.
12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Old Home Day Celebration.
13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to fix over two of the horse sheds for the storage of the road machines and town tools.
14. To see if the town will vote to have a door cut in the back of the hall and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.
15. To see if the town will vote to have the Boynton and Stearns Bequest and fund turned into the School Treasurer and instruct our next representative to place the matter before the next Legislature or take any action thereon.
16. To see if the town will vote to make any discount on taxes if paid on or before June 1st, 1928.

Given under our hands and seal, this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-eight.

EDGAR S. KENNEDY  
STANLEY A. FLAGG  
ELLERY F. REED

*Selectmen of Mason*

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

EDGAR S. KENNEDY  
STANLEY A. FLAGG  
ELLERY F. REED

*Selectmen of Mason*

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF**  
**ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**  
**AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR**

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual revenue previous year 1927	Estimated revenue ensuing year 1928	In- crease	De- crease
<b>FROM STATE:</b>				
Railroad Tax.....	\$320.03			
Savings Bank Tax.....	162.41			
For Fighting Forest Fires.....		\$262.63		\$262.63
For Highways:				
(a) For State Aid Maintenance..	1,017.52	\$1,300.00	\$282.48	
<b>FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:</b>				
Rent of Town Hall and other Buildings.....	64.00	64.00		
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits.....	141.75	150.00	8.25	
Auto permits.....	285.44	290.00	4.56	
From J. C. Taft.....	14.35			14.35
<b>FROM POLL TAXES.</b>				
<b>REVENUE APPLICABLE ONLY TO NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS:</b>				
(a) For State Aid Highway Construction.....	445.97	450.00	4.03	
For Class 5 Roads.....	1,622.90	1,700.00	77.10	
<b>AMOUNT RAISED BY ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES:</b>				
National Bank, Townsend.....	5,000.00			5,000.00
<b>REVENUE WHICH MUST BE PAID TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:</b>				
Stearns Bequest.....	553.50	553.50		
Boynton Fund.....	591.50	591.50		
Dog Tax.....	122.05	122.00		.05
<b>TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES.....</b>	<b>\$10,335.61</b>	<b>\$5,371.00</b>		
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1927.....	\$750.02	\$132.11		
Amount Raised by Property Taxes.....	\$8,193.34	\$9,256.86		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES.....</b>	<b>\$19,286.97</b>	<b>\$14,837.07</b>	<b>\$335.52</b>	<b>\$5,277.03</b>

## MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

JANUARY 31, 1928 TO JANUARY 31, 1929, COMPARED WITH ACTUAL REVENUE  
JANUARY 31, 1927 TO JANUARY 31, 1928

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES.	Actual	Estimated	In-	De-		
	expenditures previous year 1927	expenditures ensuing year 1928				
<b>CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:</b>						
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>						
Town Officers' Salaries.....	\$664.65	\$600.00		\$64.65		
Town Officers' Expenses.....	351.10	200.00		151.10		
Election and Registration Expenses.....		100.00				
Expense of Department.....	277.10	200.00		77.10		
Care and Supplies for Town Hall.....	84.27	80.00		4.27		
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:</b>						
Police Department.....	10.00	10.00				
Fire Department.....	632.19	25.00		607.19		
Bounties.....	6.40	10.00	3.60			
<b>HEALTH:</b>						
Health Department.....	17.00	15.00		2.00		
<b>HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:</b>						
State Aid Maintenance:						
State's Contribution.....	1,017.52	1,300.00	282.48			
Town's Contribution.....	612.28	600.00		12.28		
Town Maintenance.....	4,016.34	4,000.00		16.34		
Street Lighting.....	142.90	142.90				
Winter Roads.....	311.20	250.00		61.20		
<b>EDUCATION:</b>						
Libraries.....	150.00	50.00		100.00		
<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:</b>						
Memorial Day and other Celebrations.....	200.00	50.00		150.00		
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:</b>						
Cemeteries.....	180.00	100.00		80.00		
Taxes bought.....	8.88			8.88		
<b>INTEREST:</b>						
On Temporary Loans.....	200.20	150.00		50.20		
<b>OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS:</b>						
Highways and Bridges:						
Town Construction:						
State's Contribution.....	445.97	468.00	22.03			
Town's Contribution.....	477.13	468.00		9.13		
<b>INDEBTEDNESS:</b>						
Payment on Principal of Debt:						
(b) Short Term Notes.....	4,300.00	1,000.00		3,300.00		
<b>PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:</b>						
State Taxes.....	246.66	246.66				
County Taxes.....	585.53	585.53				
Payments to School Districts.....	4,217.54	4,200.00		17.54		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES....</b>	<b>\$19,154.86</b>	<b>\$14,851.09</b>	<b>\$308.11</b>	<b>\$4,711.88</b>		

## VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1927

Land and buildings.....	\$308,645.00
64 horses.....	6,375.00
2 mules.....	100.00
72 cows.....	4,175.00
8 neat stock.....	310.00
3 hogs.....	150.00
675 fowls.....	675.00
7 fur bearing animals.....	700.00
1 portable mill.....	1,000.00
Wood and lumber.....	10,600.00
Gasoline tank.....	50.00
Stock in trade.....	900.00
Mills and machinery.....	300.00
 Total.....	\$333,980.00
Soldiers' exemption.....	6,475.00
 \$327,505.00	

## APPROPRIATIONS

State tax.....	\$729.10
County tax.....	585.53
Town charges.....	1,500.00
Library appropriation.....	150.00
Highways and bridges.....	2,000.00
Cemeteries.....	100.00
Memorial appropriation.....	50.00
Old Home Day appropriation.....	150.00
Fire escape appropriation.....	200.00
School appropriation.....	3,000.00
State Aid Construction.....	468.00
State Aid Maintenance.....	500.00
 \$9,432.63	

Polls, 126 at \$2, \$252.00  
 Interest and dividend, \$150.00  
 Railroad tax, \$297.38.  
 Savings Bank Tax, \$147.64.  
 Tax committed to collector, \$8,406.63.  
 Rate, \$2.50.

### LIABILITIES

Soldiers' Monument.....	\$100.00
Hearse appropriation.....	30.00
Due School District.....	1,145.00
In State Treasury, joint highway fund.....	257.34
State Aid balance.....	130.85
Note, Townsend National Bank.....	1,000.00
White Pine Blister appropriation.....	100.00
Dog licenses.....	127.05
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	\$2,885.24

### ASSETS

Cash on hand, Jan. 31, 1927.....	\$132.11
In State Treasury.....	257.34
Due from collector.....	673.45
Due from Farwell Estate.....	85.55
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	\$1,148.45
Excess of liabilities over assets.....	\$1,736.79

## RECEIPTS

*Current Revenue*

## From local taxes:

Property and poll taxes, current year.....	\$7,729.18
Property and poll taxes, 1926.....	678.16

## From State:

Railroad tax.....	Credit	\$320.03
Savings Bank tax.....	Credit	162.41
State Treasurer, interest and dividend.....		141.75
Special State Aid, Class 5 Roads.....		1,622.90
State Aid construction.....		445.97
State Aid maintenance.....		1,017.52

## From local sources except taxes:

Boynton Common School Fund.....	591.50
Stearns Common School Bequest.....	553.50
86 auto permits.....	285.44
Rent of hall.....	64.00
Dog licenses.....	122.05
Notes on Townsend National Bank.....	5,000.00
Fire bills.....	262.63
From J. C. Taft, dynamite.....	14.35
Balance on hand at beginning of year.....	758.02
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	\$19,286.97

## EXPENDITURES

## TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

*After Settlement 1926*

Edgar S. Kennedy.....	\$40.00
Stanley A. Flagg.....	35.80
Ellery F. Reed.....	35.80

*1927 Town Officers' Salaries*

Edgar S. Kennedy.....	\$101.30
Stanley A. Flagg.....	76.40
Ellery F. Reed.....	81.60
Frank B. Farwell, treasurer.....	50.00
Frank B. Farwell, clerk.....	50.00
John T. Smith, auditor.....	3.50
Albert B. Eaton, tax collector, 1926.....	100.00
Frank B. Farwell, auto permits.....	21.75
Frank B. Farwell, budget committee.....	3.50
John T. Smith, budget committee.....	3.50
Albert H. Eaton, budget committee.....	3.50
Samuel H. Davis, supervisor.....	4.00
Charles L. Barnes, supervisor.....	4.00
Doris M. Flagg, librarian.....	50.00
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	\$664.65

## TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Mason Village Savings Bank, box rent.....	\$5.00
Conray G. Wharff, transportation, Farwell Case.....	20.00
E. F. Reed, Farwell case.....	15.00

S. A. Flagg, Farwell case.....	14.00
E. S. Kennedy, Farwell case.....	27.55
Edson C. Eastman Co., stationery.....	6.12
Auto Service Bureau.....	3.18
E. S. Kennedy, telephone and postage.....	10.02
E. S. Kennedy, team service.....	6.25
E. S. Kennedy, posting placards.....	2.50
E. S. Kennedy, time and expense to Keene..	8.50
S. A. Flagg, team service.....	5.25
S. A. Flagg, time and expense to Manchester..	8.00
E. F. Reed, time and expense to Manchester..	8.00
C. G. Wharff, transportation.....	7.00
Fred A. Cournoyer, insurance.....	17.00
Transcript Printing Co., printing reports.....	113.40
Edson C. Eastman Co., vouchers.....	12.30
A. B. Eaton, cash book and tax.....	7.50
Edson C. Eastman Co., invoice book.....	25.35
F. B. Farwell, registration and postage.....	5.20
A. B. Eaton, tax bills and stationery.....	8.35
Edson C. Eastman Co., stationery.....	5.15
Register of Deeds.....	1.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., receipt book.....	62
A. B. Eaton, time and expense to Manchester..	8.86
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	\$351.10

## GENERAL EXPENSES OF DEPARTMENT

Otis W. Butler, three pruners.....	\$18.00
John T. Smith, time and transportation.....	8.00
Doris M. Flagg, supplies for dinner.....	7.12
James T. Berry, labor at hall.....	2.00
John Kivemaki, foundation of Monument.....	6.40
F. B. Farwell, cleaning vault.....	2.00
F. B. Farwell, service on Farwell case.....	2.00
H. H. Churchill, cord for flag.....	2.85
W. S. Whitlock, setting tires on machine.....	7.00
C. S. Bourgeois, supplies for Highway Dept.....	12.45
Guy Washburn, mowing and cleaning Common	8.00
E. S. Kennedy, supplies for Highway Dept.....	10.45
C. S. Bourgeois, two shovels.....	3.00
Osca Larno, over tax.....	10.00
Alexander McLean, wood.....	28.50
Berger Mfg. Co., culvert.....	32.93
Joseph Beck, care of light.....	1.00
Lillian A. Rathburn, gravel bank.....	100.00
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	\$261.70
E. S. Kennedy, dynamite, fuse and caps.....	15.40
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	\$277.10

## CARE OF TOWN HALL AND SUPPLIES

J. W. Wharff, care of hall.....	\$45.87
Elliott Lucius, wood.....	25.00
Jennie Chesborough, cleaning hall.....	7.60
C. O. Smith, supplies.....	5.80
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	\$84.27

## BOUNTIES

F. B. Farwell.....	\$6.40
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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

E. S. Kennedy.....	\$17.00
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## HALL AND STREET LIGHTS

Greenville Electric Lighting Co.....	\$142.90
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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

S. A. Flagg, constable.....	\$10.00
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

.....	\$632.19
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## LIBRARY APPROPRIATION

Harriet E. Whitaker.....	\$150.00
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## MEMORIAL APPROPRIATION

E. F. Reed.....	\$50.00
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## CEMETERIES

A. B. Eaton.....	\$180.00
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## OLD HOME DAY APPROPRIATION

James E. Wilson .....	\$150.00
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## EDUCATION

Rose S. Eaton, district treasurer .....	\$4,217.54
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## TEMPORARY NOTES AND INTEREST

Townsend National Bank .....	\$4,500.20
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## TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

A. B. Eaton .....	\$8.88
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## STATE AND COUNTY TAX

James H. Shenton, county treasurer .....	\$585.53
Henry E. Chamberlin, State treasurer .....	246.66

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

*Winter Roads*

Harold Miller .....	\$115.90
Fred L. Brown .....	114.00
Charles L. Barnes .....	81.30

*Repairing Highways*

Charles L. Barnes.....		\$1,310.15
Fred L. Brown.....		1,288.99
Harold C. Miller.....		1,249.70
Alexander Oja.....		150.00

	State	Town	Total
Balance, 1926.....	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$27.00
Appropriation, 1927....	468.00	468.00	936.00

## MASON STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

	Town	State
Material, engineering, miscellaneous.....		\$31.15
Share of expenditures..	\$477.13	477.12
Balances.....	4.37	4.38
Check to town	\$445.97	

## STATE AID MAINTENANCE

	State	Town	Total
Balance, 1926.....	\$477.53	\$238.76	\$716.29
Appropriation.....	1,000.00	500.00	1,500.00

	Town	State
Material, engineering, miscellaneous.....		\$207.05
Ratio 2:1		
Share of expenditures..	\$1,224.57	
Balances.....	126.48	252.96
Check to town	\$1,017.52	

## C. L. BARNES, ROAD ACCOUNT

*March Account*

J. B. Tarbell, labor, 2 days.....	\$7.20
C. L. Barnes, labor, 2½ days.....	9.00
R. S. Gailey, team, ½ day.....	3.50
Time and expense to Concord.....	9.50
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	\$29.20

*April Account*

John Beck, team, 4½ days.....	\$31.50
R. S. Gailey, team, 4½ days.....	31.50
C. L. Barnes, labor, 10 days.....	36.00
H. Foster, labor, 1 day.....	3.60
John Beck, Jr., labor, 3 days.....	10.80
J. T. Smith, labor, 2 days.....	7.20
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	\$120.60

*May Account*

C. L. Barnes, labor, 10½ days.....	\$37.80
J. T. Smith, labor, 8½ days.....	30.60
R. S. Gailey, team, 2½ days.....	17.50
R. S. Gailey, labor, ½ day.....	1.80
J. B. Tarbell, labor, 9½ days.....	34.20
John Beck, team, 4½ days.....	31.50
G. Beckwith, labor, 9 days.....	32.40
Wm. Mason, blasting.....	149.78
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	\$335.58

*June Account*

C. L. Barnes, labor 10½ days.....	\$37.80
J. B. Tarbell, labor, 6½ days.....	23.40

J. T. Smith, labor, 8 days.....	28.80
G. Beckwith, labor, 9 days.....	32.40
R. S. Gailey, team, 7-10 days.....	70.00
E. Barnes, 5½ days.....	19.80
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	\$212.20

*July Account*

C. L. Barnes, labor, 4 days.....	\$14.40
J. T. Smith, labor, 3½ days.....	12.60
E. Barnes, labor, 4 days.....	14.40
G. Beckwith, labor, 4 days.....	14.40
R. S. Gailey, team, 4 days.....	28.00
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	\$83.80

*August Account*

C. L. Barnes, labor, 2 days.....	\$7.20
E. Barnes, labor, 1 day.....	3.60
J. T. Smith, labor, 1 day.....	3.60
F. Whitney, labor, 1 day.....	3.60
R. S. Gailey, team, 1 day.....	7.00
Oil.....	.80
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	\$25.80

*September Account*

C. L. Barnes, labor, 18½ days.....	\$52.50
E. Barnes, labor, 9½ days.....	34.20
J. T. Smith, labor, 12 days.....	43.20
Fred Whitney, labor, 10½ days.....	37.80
Geo. Beckwith, labor, 10½ days.....	41.40
R. S. Gailey, labor, 13½ days.....	94.50

John Beck, team, 7 2-3 days.....	53.67
R. Emerson, labor, 2 days.....	7.20
C. Emerson, labor, 2 days.....	7.20
P. Berry, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day.....	1.80
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	\$373.17

*November Account*

J. T. Smith, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	\$12.60
R. S. Gailey, team, 6 days.....	42.00
C. L. Barnes, labor, 6 days.....	21.60
F. Whitney, labor, 3 days.....	10.80
E. Barnes, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	9.00
G. Beckwith, labor, 2 days.....	7.20
A. Elliott, labor, 1 day.....	3.60
H. E. Whitaker, team, 2 days.....	14.00
R. S. Gailey, labor, 1 day.....	3.60
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	\$128.00

*December Account*

C. L. Barnes, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day.....	\$1.80
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FRED L. BROWN, ROAD ACCOUNT

*April Account, 1927*

Fred Brown, 11 days 5 hours, team.....	\$80.90
Fred Brown, 1 day labor.....	3.60
K. Oikelmus, 5 days' labor.....	18.00
H. Creighton, 2 days' labor.....	7.20
Wm. Everett, 4 days' labor.....	14.40
W. Creighton, 3 hours' labor.....	1.20
Leon Russell, 4 hours' labor.....	1.60

2 spades, at \$1.65 each.....	3.30
Trip to Keene.....	8.50
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	\$138.70

*May Account, 1927*

Fred Brown, 10 days 2 hours, team.....	\$71.56
Fred Brown, 2 days' labor.....	7.20
W. Creighton, 4 days 8 hours' labor.....	17.60
K. Oikelmus, 7 days 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours' labor.....	27.00
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	\$123.36

*June Account, 1927*

F. Brown, 11 days, team.....	\$77.00
F. Brown, 2 days' labor.....	7.20
K. Oikelmus, 8 days 6 hours' labor.....	31.20
W. Creighton, 2 hours' labor.....	.80
Wm. Everett, 3 days 4 hours' labor.....	12.40
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	\$128.60

*July Account, 1927*

F. Brown, 9 days 3 hours, team.....	\$65.34
K. Oikelmus, 9 days 1 hour labor.....	32.80
Wm. Everett, 1 day labor.....	3.60
F. Brown, 2 days' labor.....	7.20
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	\$108.94

*August Account, 1927*

Fred Brown, 9 days 5 hours' team.....	\$66.90
Fred Brown, 3 days' labor.....	10.80
K. Oikelmus, 10 days' labor.....	36.00
W. O. Mason, drilling and blasting, 8 days....	199.18
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	\$316.18

*September Account, 1927*

Konsta Oikelmus, 7 days 5 hours, labor.....	\$27.20
Fred Brown, 9 days 2½ hours, team.....	64.95
Fred Brown, 3 days 5 hours' labor.....	12.80
W. Creighton, 1 day.....	3.60
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	\$108.55

*October Account, 1927*

F. Brown, 8 days 4 hours, team.....	\$59.12
F. Brown, 4 days' labor.....	14.40
K. Oikelmus, 8 days 7½ hours' labor.....	31.80
W. O. Mason, blasting.....	154.88
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	\$261.20

*November Account, 1927*

F. Brown, 7 days 6½ hours, team.....	\$54.46
F. Brown, 6 days 3 hours' labor.....	22.80
K. Oikelmus, 4 days 8 hours' labor.....	17.60
S. A. Flagg, 1 day labor.....	3.60
J. Kivimaki, 6 hours' labor.....	2.40
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	\$100.86

## ROAD REPORT OF HAROLD C. MILLER

*April*

H. Miller, time and expense to Concord.....	\$9.50
H. Miller, team, 3 days at \$7.00.....	21.00
H. Miller, labor, 6½ hours, at \$3.60.....	2.60
J. Oten, labor, 11 days, at \$3.60.....	39.60
W. Pelletier, labor, 10½ days, at \$3.60.....	37.80
H. Henick, labor, 8½ days, at \$3.60.....	30.60
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	\$141.10

*May*

H. Miller, labor, 5½ days, at \$3.60.....	\$19.80
H. Miller, team, 1 day, at \$7.00.....	7.00
P. Berry, labor, 5 days, at \$3.60.....	18.00
J. Oten, labor, 4 days, at \$3.60.....	14.40
H. Henick, labor, 1 day, at \$3.60.....	3.60
W. Mason, blasting.....	133.14
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	\$195.94

*June*

H. Miller, team, 9 days, at \$7.00.....	\$63.00
H. Miller, labor, 1 day, at \$3.60.....	3.60
G. Washburn, team, 9 days, at \$7.00.....	63.00
G. Washburn, labor, 1 day, at \$3.60.....	3.60
H. Henick, labor, 10 days, at \$3.60.....	36.00
W. Pelletier, labor, 9 days, at \$3.60.....	32.40
J. Oten, labor, 10 days, at \$3.60.....	36.00
W. Erickson, labor, 3 days, at \$3.60.....	10.80
P. Berry, labor, 10 days, at \$3.60.....	36.00
One rake.....	1.15
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	\$285.55

*July*

H. Miller, team, 8 days, at \$7.00.....	\$56.00
H. Miller, labor, 1 day, at \$3.60.....	3.60
P. Berry, labor, 7½ days, at \$3.60.....	27.00
G. Washburn, team, 7 days, at \$7.00.....	49.00
J. Oten, labor, 2 days, at \$3.60.....	7.20
W. Pelletier, labor, 1 day, at \$3.60.....	3.60
W. Erickson, labor, 4 days, at \$3.60.....	14.40
H. Henick, labor, 2 days, at \$3.60.....	7.20
G. Colby, labor, 4 days, at \$3.60.....	14.40
E. Wiik, labor, 4 days, at \$3.60.....	14.40
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	\$196.80

*August*

H. Miller, team, 9 days 3½ hours, at \$7.00...	\$65.73
H. Miller, labor 1 day, at \$3.60.....	3.60
H. E. Whitaker, team, 7 days, 3½ hours, at \$7.00.....	51.73
E. Barnes, labor, 8 days 8½ hours, at \$3.60....	32.20
F. Whitney, labor, 9 days 3½ hours, at \$3.60.	33.80
G. Colby, labor, 9 days 3½ hours, at \$3.60...	33.80
P. Berry, labor, 7 days 5 hours, at \$3.60.....	27.20
W. Erickson, labor, 7 days 3½ hours, at \$3.60..	26.60
G. Whitlock, sharpening 3 picks.....	75
One shovel.....	1.50
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	\$276.91

*September*

H. Miller, labor, 5 days, at \$3.60.....	\$18.00
H. Miller, team, 2 days, at \$7.00.....	14.00
E. Barnes, labor, 6 days, at \$3.60.....	21.60
P. Berry, labor, 6 days, at \$3.60.....	21.60

F. Whitney, labor, 6 days, at \$3.60.....	21.60
Mrs. A. Churchill, stones.....	1.00
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	\$97.80

*October*

E. S. Kennedy, labor, 1 day, at \$3.60.....	\$3.60
C. L. Barnes, labor, 1 day, at \$3.60.....	3.60
F. Whitney, labor, 1 day, at \$3.60.....	3.60
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	\$10.80

*November*

E. Whitaker, team, 1 day, at \$7.00.....	\$7.00
F. Whitney, labor, 2 days, at \$3.60.....	7.20
F. Whitaker, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, at \$3.60.....	1.80
C. L. Barnes, labor, 1 day, at \$3.60.....	3.60
J. Oten, labor, 1 day, at \$3.60.....	3.60
H. Foster, labor, 1 day, at \$3.60.....	3.60
E. Barnes, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, at \$3.60.....	1.80
H. Miller, labor, 3 days $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, at \$3.60...	11.40
S. Flagg, labor, 6 hours, at \$.40.....	2.40
P. Berry, labor, 6 hours, at \$.40.....	2.40
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	\$44.80
Total for Year, 1927.....	\$1,249.70

## RECAPITULATION

Town officers' salaries.....	\$664.65
Town officers' expenses.....	351.10
General expenses of department.....	277.10
Highway department.....	4,016.34
Winter roads.....	311.20
Fire department.....	632.19
Education.....	4,217.54
Library.....	150.00
Cemeteries.....	180.00
Notes and interest at Townsend National Bank	4,500.20
State and County taxes.....	832.19
Bounties.....	6.40
Health department.....	17.00
State Aid Construction.....	923.10
State Aid Maintenance.....	1,629.80
Police department.....	10.00
Memorial.....	50.00
Taxes bought by town.....	8.88
Care of Town Hall and supplies.....	84.27
Old Home Day Appropriation.....	150.00
Hall and street lights.....	142.90
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	\$19,154.86

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR S. KENNEDY

STANLEY A. FLAGG

ELLERY F. REED

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand at beginning of year .....	\$758.02
Received from:	
A. B. Eaton	
1926 tax.....	678.16
1927 tax.....	7,729.18
State Tax Dividend.....	141.75
State Aid Maintenance.....	1,017.52
State Aid Construction.....	445.97
Special Class 5, from State.....	1,622.90
Local sources except from taxes:	
Boynton Common School Fund.....	591.50
Stearns Common School Bequest.....	553.50
86 auto permits.....	285.44
From Town Clerk, 54 dog licenses.....	122.05
Notes on Townsend Bank.....	5,000.00
Rent of Hall.....	64.00
Fire bill.....	262.63
For dynamite from Taft.....	14.35
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	\$19,286.97
Selectmen's orders.....	19,154.86
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Balance on hand.....	\$132.11

Respectfully submitted,  
 FRANK B. FARWELL,  
*Town Treasurer*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, and Tax Collector and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers.

JOHN T. SMITH  
*Auditor*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE  
BOYNTON COMMON SCHOOL FUND

Interest on U. S. bonds.....	\$95.63
Interest on Iowa Light, Heat and Power bonds.	22.47
Interest on Dubuque Electric Co. bonds.....	20.55
Interest on Municipal Service bonds.....	10.00
Interest on Narragansett Co. bonds.....	200.00
Interest on Virginia Public Service bonds.....	200.20
Interest on Iowa Public Service bonds.....	12.50
Interest from Savings Bank.....	30.15
 Total for support of schools.....	 \$591.50
Paid Town Treasurer.....	\$591.50

The Fund is invested as follows:

U. S. Bonds . . . . .	\$2,000.00
Narragansett Co. bonds . . . . .	4,000.00
Virginia Public Service bonds . . . . .	4,000.00
Ohio Public Service bonds . . . . .	500.00
Municipal Service Co. bonds . . . . .	200.00
Mason Village Savings Bank . . . . .	604.64
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	\$11,304.64

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER McLEAN

*Treasurer*

ALEXANDER McLEAN  
JAMES E. WILSON  
EVERETT H. WHITAKER  
MYRTIE B. ADAMS

### Trustees

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE STEARNS  
COMMON SCHOOL BEQUEST

INCOME RECEIVED

Interest on Municipal Service Bonds.....	\$5.00
Interest on U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	25.50
Interest on Virginia Public Service Bonds.....	387.50
Interest on Republic Service Corporation Bonds	125.00
Interest on Mortgage on land in Greenville..	10.50
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	\$553.50
Paid Frank B. Farwell, treasurer.....	\$553.50

The Bequest is invested as follows:

U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	\$600.00
Municipal Service Bonds.....	100.00
Virginia Public Service Bonds.....	5,000.00
Republic Service Corporation Bonds.....	5,000.00
Mortgage on land in Greenville.....	325.00
In Mason Village Savings Bank.....	242.24
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	\$11,267.24

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. EATON

*Treasurer*

ALBERT B. EATON

JOHN T. SMITH

*Trustees*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CEMETERY  
TRUSTEES

INCOME RECEIVED

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1927.....	\$11.95
Interest Municipal Service Co.....	12.50
Otto Gustafson, lot in cemetery.....	5.00
Town appropriation.....	180.00
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	\$209.45

PAYMENTS

James Oten, labor.....	\$5.40
Alfred Elliott, labor.....	18.20
J. W. Wharff, rake.....	1.70
F. B. Farwell, labor.....	85.30
John Kivimaki, labor.....	27.30
A. B. Eaton, labor.....	29.37
Fred Whitaker, labor.....	2.40
Clyde Eaton, labor.....	9.50
Alice Creighton, labor.....	2.00
F. B. Farwell, lawn mower.....	9.50
Damond and Richardson, lumber....	18.00
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	\$208.67
Balance on hand Jan. 31. 1928.....	\$ .78

Received:

For care of Amos Flagg lot.....	\$100.00
From Mason Village Savings Bank...	98.64
Liberty Bonds.....	300.00
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	\$498.64
Paid for Inter State Power Co. Bond	\$498.64

## PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Dunster Fund.....	\$100.00
Veron Eaton Fund.....	100.00
William Adams Fund.....	100.00
Rhoda Barrett Fund.....	200.00
James March Fund.....	50.00
Ai Richards Fund.....	50.00
Joseph A. Morse Fund.....	200.00
Levi Mitchell Fund.....	100.00
William Campbell Fund.....	200.00
Amos Flagg Fund.....	100.00
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	\$1,200.00

Invested as follows:

Municipal Service Bonds.....	\$500.00
Inter State Power Co. Bonds.....	500.00
Mason Village Savings Bank.....	265.84
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	\$1,265.84

Respectfully submitted,  
ALBERT B. EATON

*Treasurer*

FRANK B. FARWELL  
ALBERT B. EATON  
STANLEY A. FLAGG

*Trustees*

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MASON  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cash on hand February 1, 1927.....	\$1.88
Received from:	
Town.....	205.00
Fines.....	2.15
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	\$209.03

Paid:	
Standard Book Company.....	\$1.40
H. I. Hodgman, materials, trucking, and labor.	75.00
Dura Binding Company, rebinding 42 books..	23.90
Library Book House, books.....	40.90
Magazines for 2 years.....	10.50
Salary of Librarian.....	50.00
Janitor.....	5.00
Postage.....	.18
Amount on hand February 1, 1928.....	2.15
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	\$209.03

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE S. BERRY  
HARRIET E. WHITAKER  
MYRTIE B. ADAMS

*Library Trustees*

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Fifty-one books have been added to the library during the year. Nine were presented by Mrs. Hammond Creighton. Total number of books in library 1951. 1720 books have been taken out the past year. 96 of these went to District No. 6. 42 books have been rebound.

— DORIS M. FLAGG

*Librarian*

## SCHOOL WARRANT

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### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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*To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Mason  
qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the 13th day of March 1928, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To see if the district will vote to authorize the School Board to employ a School Nurse and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands at said Mason this 17th day of February, 1928.

ALBERT B. EATON  
JAMES E. WILSON  
HARRIET E. WHITAKER  
School Board

## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Fiscal Year July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1927

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### SALARIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board:

Harriet E. Whitaker.....	\$25.00
Albert B. Eaton.....	25.00
James E. Wilson.....	25.00
Rose S. Eaton, treasurer.....	25.00
Charles R. Farwell, auditor.....	2.00
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	\$102.00

### SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Albert B. Eaton, Treasurer Union District No. 63.....	\$128.57
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### SCHOOL CENSUS

Albert B. Eaton, time on census.....	\$5.00
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### EXPENSE OF ADMINISTRATION

Henry P. Gainey, Fidelity bond.....	\$9.00
Office expense.....	51.00
L. C. Smith and Corona Typewriters, Inc., share on typewriter for office.....	6.77
J. L. Hammett Co., report cards.....	2.45
V. S. Ames, telephone, postage, expense to Conference, etc.....	8.75

Harriet E. Whitaker, telephone and postage...	1.00
Rose S. Eaton, 5 bunches envelopes.....	2.85
A. B. Eaton, telephone and postage.....	1.00
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	\$82.82

## TEACHERS' SALARIES

Edith M. Forsyth, salary for 36 weeks.....	\$950.00
Laura V. Leonard, salary for 36 weeks.....	900.00
Florence E. Howe, salary for 36 weeks.....	900.00
Blanche Bowden, salary for 36 weeks.....	170.00
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	\$2920.00

## TEXT BOOKS

L. W. Singer Co.....	\$20.16
Iroquois Publishing Co.....	3.40
New Ipswich School District.....	1.08
World Book Company.....	12.73
Lyons & Carnahan.....	1.49
Arlo Publishing Company.....	3.59
The MacMillan Company.....	6.22
Silver Burdette & Company.....	3.02
Houghton Mifflin Company.....	5.62
Rand McNally & Co.....	1.36
The John Winston Co.....	2.91
Ginn & Company.....	12.95
E. E. Babb & Co.....	2.95
Supt. V. S. Ames.....	.64
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	\$78.12

## SCHOLARS' SUPPLIES

World Book Company.....	\$6.07
E. E. Babb & Company.....	11.70
Harry Houston.....	.73
Milton Bradley Co.....	2.57
Wilbur D. Gilpatrick.....	16.92
Cho-Seco Ink Pellet Co.....	2.50
J. L. Hammett Co.....	36.44
Ryan & Bunker.....	2.03
A. H. Young.....	2.30
V. S. Ames.....	.43
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	\$81.69

## OTHER EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION

16 copies World News (40 weeks).....	\$12.80
Teachers' College.....	2.22
Current Methods (2 subscriptions).....	1.60
Public School Publishing Company.....	8.62
A. H. Barbour, filling in diplomas.....	1.50
21 copies Current Events.....	7.35
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	\$34.09

## JANITOR SERVICE

J. W. Wharff, care of Center school house.....	\$90.00
Mrs. August Helsten, care of No. 6.....	36.00
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	\$126.00

## FUEL

A. D. Flitner, sawing and packing wood.....	\$23.00
Alex Ojar, 4 cords wood.....	36.00
A. B. Eaton, 10 cords wood.....	140.00
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	\$199.00

## WATER AND JANITOR SUPPLIES

J. L. Hammett Co.....	\$5.70
Cheshire Chemical Co., 2 cases towels.....	9.50
Kaustine Co., Inc., 4 drums kaustine.....	12.00
Emma Cram, Treasurer Wilton School District 4 gals. floor oil.....	4.20
J. W. Wharff, supplies.....	1.95
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	\$33.35

## MINOR REPAIRS AND EXPENSES

Marion Barnes, cleaning school house.....	\$14.70
C. A. Cloutier, repairing wagons.....	13.90
A. B. Eaton, sanitary work and repairs.....	20.07
Frank B. Farwell, sanitary work.....	10.00
J. L. Hammett Co.....	1.62
Mrs. Helsten, cleaning school house.....	2.00
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	\$62.29

## MEDICAL INSPECTION

Dr. B. D. Pease, inspection of pupils.....	\$25.00
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## TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS

A. B. Eaton, 35 1-5 weeks at \$15 per week....	\$528.00
John Kivimaki, 35 1-5 weeks at \$15 per week	528.00
E. H. Whitaker, 4 4-5 weeks at \$18 per week,	
30 2-5 weeks at \$15 per week.....	542.40
P. R. Berry, 31 3-10 weeks at \$12.50 per week..	391.25
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	\$1,989.65

## HIGH SCHOOL AND ACADEMY TUITION

New Ipswich, Appleton Academy.....	\$210.00
Town of Townsend.....	37.50
Town of Ashby.....	75.00
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	\$322.50

## NEW EQUIPMENT

J. L. Hammett Co., pencil sharpener, globe, blackboard, hand bell, etc.....	\$45.91
Rand McNally & Co.....	2.10
A. B. Eaton.....	5.90
Public School Publishing Co.....	4.91
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	\$58.82

## PER CAPITA TAX

Henry E. Chamberlin, State Treasurer.....	\$126.00
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## BILLS FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Office expense.....	\$3.00
Town of Ashby, tuition from January to June	
30, 1926.....	45.00
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	\$48.00

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL EXPENSES FOR YEAR  
ENDING JUNE 30, 1927

Salaries of District Officers.....	\$102.00
Superintendent's salary.....	128.57
School census.....	5.00
Expense of administration.....	82.82
Teachers' salaries.....	2,920.00
Text books.....	78.12
Scholars' supplies.....	81.69
Other expenses of instruction.....	34.09
Janitor service.....	126.00
Fuel.....	199.00
Water and janitor supplies.....	33.35
Minor repairs and expenses.....	62.29
Medical inspection.....	25.00
Transportation of pupils.....	1,989.65
High School and Academy tuition.....	322.50
New equipment.....	58.82
Per capita tax.....	126.00
Bills from previous year.....	48.00
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	\$6,422.90

Respectfully submitted,  
 ALBERT B. EATON  
 JAMES E. WILSON  
 HARRIET E. WHITAKER  
*School Board of Mason*

## SUMMARY OF SCHOOL EXPENSES

From July 1, 1927, to February 1, 1928

Salaries of District Officers.....	\$75.00
Superintendent's salary.....	132.35
School census.....	5.00
Expenses of administration.....	15.87
Teachers' salaries.....	1,548.50
Text books.....	67.76
Scholars' supplies.....	75.51
Flags and appurtenances.....	8.50
Other expenses of instruction.....	26.18
Janitor service.....	42.44
Fuel.....	7.00
Janitor supplies.....	50.48
Minor repairs and expenses.....	35.85
Medical inspection.....	25.00
Transportation of pupils.....	1,063.65
High School and Academy tuition.....	413.50
New equipment.....	125.56
Per capita tax.....	116.00
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	\$3,834.15

## BUDGET OF SCHOOL BOARD 1928-'29

Estimated expenditures for the school year beginning July 1, 1928, and ending June 30, 1929, and recommendations of sums to be assessed for the support of schools, including statutory requirements.

### ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Teachers' salaries, including music supervisor.....	\$3,000 00
Text books.....	75 00
Scholars' supplies.....	85 00
Flags and appurtenances.....	10 00
Other expenses of instruction...	30 00
Janitor service.....	127 00
Fuel.....	190 00
Janitors' supplies.....	60 00
Minor repairs and expenses....	100 00
Medical inspection.....	25 00
Transportation of pupils.....	2,200 00
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Total estimated cost of main- taining schools.....	\$5,902 00

### ESTIMATED REVENUE

From sources other than tax- ation:	
State aid.....	\$3,273 83
Dog tax.....	100 00
Part of income from trust funds.....	800 00
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Balance	\$4,173 83
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	\$1,728 17

A tax of .005 on the equalized valuation is necessary to qualify for state aid, which is....	\$1,728 17
Additional sums recommended to be raised by taxation, including statutory requirements:	
For salaries of district officers.. .	\$102 00
For superintendent's excess salary.....	130 00
For truant officer and census... .	10 00
For expenses of administration	75 00
For new equipment.....	12 83
For extraordinary repairs.....	200 00
For per capita tax (statutory)	142 00
For high school tuitions (statutory).....	925 00
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	\$1,596 83
Less balance of trust fund income.....	200 00
	_____
	\$1,396 83
Total sum recommended to be raised by taxation.....	\$3,125 00
	HARRIET E. WHITAKER
	ALBERT B. EATON
	JAMES E. WILSON
	<i>School Board</i>

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*To the School Board and Citizens of Mason:*

I submit my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

### TEACHERS AND PUPILS

There is but one change to report in the teaching staff, Mrs. Leonard having retained her position as Primary teacher and Miss Howe remaining at the Number Six School. The new teacher for the Grammar grades is Miss Mildred Peters, a graduate of Keene Normal School in the three year course last June. Their work is very satisfactory and the schools appear to be in a better condition in many respects than they were last year. The statistical report following shows an increase in the total enrollment of last year over the preceding year and a similar increase in the average membership. The per cent of attendance was practically equal to the state average two years ago but dropped about one per cent last year. Tardiness remained about the same. The total enrollment for the present year is about the same as a year ago but the attendance in the Primary room has shown a very decided increase. Carelessness on the part of three or four families in the early fall was responsible for a visit from the state attendance officer, which was followed in January with one prosecution and fine.

### SUPERVISION

The statistical report shows 56 supervisory visits last year as compared with 59 the previous year. The testing program described in last year's report was followed in about the same manner through the school year 1926-'27. This year two additional types of testing are being used, one giving particular attention to oral reading in the first three grades and

to silent reading in grades three to six. The other new feature is the use of the Standard Achievement Tests covering three phases of silent reading, both the computation and problem sides of arithmetic, language, spelling, and general information in science and history.

Some of the results of this group of tests were published in the school paper "Souhegan Spirit" last month, and in the list of pupils there given whose composite scores exceeded the standards of the second grade above their own grade will be found the name of only one Mason pupil, where it should be three or four considering the number of pupils in Mason as compared with the other towns. This group of tests will be repeated near the close of the year and will furnish a more accurate measure of progress through the year than any other data except the teacher's own daily records; consequently the results will be given considerable weight in deciding promotions at the close of the year. Progress in reading in the first three grades will be considered particularly in determining promotions as it has been demonstrated that most of the failures in the higher grades are due to deficiencies in reading which should have been more thoroughly mastered in the primary grades.

#### SILENT READING

The most important subject taught in school through the entire period of school attendance is Reading. Reading is the key that unlocks for the pupil the door to every other subject taught, as well as the doors to many of the activities and experiences of adult life. The aim of the school is to train all pupils to read effectively and to establish strong motives for and permanent interests in reading.

While mastery of the mechanics of reading is the chief aim of the teaching in the first three grades and instruction for this purpose is necessarily very largely oral, by far the larger part of a child's later reading and practically all of an adult's reading is done silently. Not enough has been known about

the best methods of teaching the economical and effective habits and skills necessary in silent reading, and consequently not enough emphasis has been given to the teaching of silent reading, either in the first three grades or in the higher grades where definite instruction is also needed.

Following a general discussion of reading methods at a teachers' meeting last October a set of textbooks especially prepared for teaching silent reading was placed in the hands of all the teachers of grades four, five and six. Since then systematic work has been going forward, and at the end of the fall term brief reports from the teachers showed that some progress had been made and that at least the consciousness of the need for such instruction was well established in the minds of the teachers and pupils. In their answers to the question as to what real gains could be seen in their classes, the following are typical phrases: more interest, better understanding, more use of the dictionary, greater independence, more thoughtful reading, more careful observation, clearer thinking, more concentration, interest in the meaning of unfamiliar words, greater speed and accuracy, overcoming the habit of moving the lips, and a desire to read more.

#### CHARACTER EDUCATION

Mention was made in my last report of a special program of Character Education. This program is now in use in all of the schools and a special teachers' meeting was held early in October to discuss methods in character training. Space will not permit an adequate outline of this program but I will mention some of the salient points.

The highest type of conduct, both theoretically and according to our American ideals, is free conduct. But freedom is not license or irresponsibility. The teaching of conduct must be free and not a slavish following of outlines. The whole content of the school curriculum must be seen and presented as moral in essence and purpose. The teacher must

know the principles of conduct and practice them in daily life or there will be no effective building of character. She must herself be all she expects her pupils to be. She must know the individual child and his home and community environment and must have a sympathetic understanding of the behavior of children. She must also have quickened her personal and social ideals, her moral vision, and sense of social justice.

The methods used must be varied in their appeal and in their application. She must constantly keep in mind that it is more important to teach boys and girls than it is to teach subjects.

With younger children the most useful medium for teaching character is the story. G. Stanley Hall says, "Of all the things that the teacher should know how to do the most important, without exception, is to tell a story." The child lives the experiences of the stories he hears, suffers with the evil doer and is rewarded with the virtuous, and his character is lastingly affected because he is strongly moved. The stories selected should contain a lesson, and they should be strong and true to life. Much harm may be done through stories with low ideals and also through stories of unusually good children.

For the young child moral training is largely social adaptation. He must learn to work harmoniously in a group as either leader or follower. He must not be judged by the adult standard of right and wrong for he has to be taught the adult code of social and moral behavior just as he has to be taught other facts and his standards must be built up slowly. His failure to distinguish between truth and imagination or to appreciate the importance of ownership results from ignorance, not from badness.

With older children a more systematic teaching of the cardinal virtues may be attempted, not by lecturing and preaching but by story telling, illustration and actual practice on the part of the pupil. Plato centuries ago named the four cardinal virtues upon which is based our outline today:

1. *Wisdom*, which embraces the topics clear thinking, open-mindedness, reverence, appreciation, and health.
2. *Self-control*, which we subdivide into obedience, reliability (honesty, punctuality, orderliness), and industry (thrift, initiative, ambition, perseverance).
3. *Courage*, physical and moral courage, duty.
4. *Justice*, including courtesy (kindness, co-operation, fair play, sympathy), service, loyalty, and patriotism.

In our high schools to a greater extent than in the elementary schools, intellectual attainment has been regarded as the chief aim. The success or failure of a pupil and the school has been judged by scholastic standing alone. This renewed emphasis on character training is an attempt to put in practice the conviction that all instruction has for its chief aim Character Formation.

#### MEDICAL INSPECTION

Dr. Pease made the regular Medical Inspection in October with the following results:

Number pupils examined	61
Defective Vision	1
Cardiac Disease	1
Skin Disease	1
Orthopedic Defects	1
Enlarged Tonsils	2
Defective Teeth	31
Unvaccinated	8
Defects treated since previous examination	12

I would call particular attention to the number of pupils having defective teeth and express the hope that something more effective may be done for these children.

Special letters were sent to the parents of the eight unvaccinated children and most of them have now complied with the law. Whatever further action may be necessary to secure complete compliance with the law will be taken.

## FINANCES

The estimates given in the budget for 1928-'29 differ very little from those made a year ago, except that an additional item is included as "extraordinary repairs." This is to cover the cost of shingling the Number Six schoolhouse, which should not longer be delayed. The income from trust funds can be used to reduce the second group of budget items as well as the first group, as indicated.

In closing I wish to express once more my hearty appreciation of the spirit of loyalty and co-operation which has been shown during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

VERNON S. AMES,

*Superintendent.*

Wilton, N. H., February 15, 1928.

## STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING

JUNE 30, 1927

*Census:*

No. Boys 5-16,	38	Girls	29	Total	67
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*Attending School:*

Boys	40	Girls	37	Total	77
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*Enrollment by Grades:*

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	6	7	6	4					23
Grammar					6	8	7	5	26
Number Six	5	4	2	6	4	2	0	5	28
									77

*Attendance:*

SCHOOL	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Total	Tardiness Per Pupil
Primary	21.17	19.62	92.67	22	.84
Grammar	15.69	14.35	92.67	13	.56
Number Six	24.48	23.39	95.55	7	.25
	61.34	57.36	93.51	42	.54
Average for State 1926-1927			94.57		1.08

*Visits:*

By School Board Members	4
By Superintendent	56
By Citizens	51

## STATISTICS FOR FIRST 16 WEEKS OF 1927-1928

*Census:*

No. Boys 5-16	40	Girls	31	Total	71
<i>Attending School:</i>					
Boys	40	Girls	27	Total	67

*Enrollment by Grades:*

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	5	8	5	6					24
Grammar					5	6	5	4	20
Number Six	2	4	6	2	4	3	2	0	23
									67

*Attendance:*

SCHOOL	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per. cent of Attendance	Total Tardinesses
Primary	20.48	19.46	95.02	5
Grammar	17.74	16.71	94.19	8
Number Six	21.08	19.92	94.49	0
				13

## ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

*Three Terms*

Florence Beck	Nellie Bell
Roland Bell (2 years)	Anna Oikelmus
Irving Spear	Joseph Oikelmus

*Two Terms*

Helen Wilson	Dora Wilson	Beatrice Beck
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*One Term*

Millicent Livingston	Charles Whittier
Harriet Beck	Viekko Gronlund
Eino Helstein	Ellen Lampi
William Lumppio	Vieno Raitanen
Ailie Turpeinen	Ina Turpeinen
Lauri Wiik	Llmi Upari
Oliver Ilomaki	Arthur Oikelmus
Conray Wharff	Earl Brown
	Edward Wharff

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**

Cash on hand July 1, 1926	\$88 10
Received from Town Treasurer	3,795 47
Townsend National Bank, Int.	5 21
School District of New Ipswich,	
Tuition	27 00
School District of Greenville,	
Tuition	321 00
State Treasurer, Equalization	2,269 99
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Total Receipts	\$6,506 77
Less School Board's Orders	6,422 90
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Cash on hand June 30, 1927	\$83 87
ROSE S. EATON, Treasurer	

## VITAL STATISTICS

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### BIRTHS

Registered in Town of Mason Year Ending  
December 31, 1927

Date	Name of Child	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother
1927		
Jan. 1.	Martha May Sneck; Mattie Sneck;	Ella Muhonen.

### MARRIAGES

Registered in Town of Mason Year Ending  
December 31, 1927

Date	Name of Parties and Name of Person Performing Ceremony
1927	
Dec. 21.	John Nester and Hilja Mary Syvaja, by Frank B. Farwell, Justice of Peace.
Dec. 24.	Arthur Merriam and Julia E. Powers, by Rev. W. D. Armitage, Milford, N. H.

## DEATHS

Registered in Town of Mason Year Ending

December 31, 1927

1927

Jan. 24. Charles R. Farwell, 70 years, 2 months, 13 days.  
Jan. 27. Robert Church, 63 years.  
Mar. 23. Charles A. Farwell, 73 years, 7 months, 4 days.  
April 4. Fanny P. Eaton, 74 years, 1 month, 11 days.  
April 8. Selma Lano, 40 years, 7 months, 11 days.  
June 9. Eliza Reed, 80 years, 7 months, 7 days.  
June 21. James Oliver Reed, 69 years, 3 months, 10 days.  
Aug. 14. Lucie Ellen Reynolds, 86 years, 9 months, 14 days.  
Nov. 26. Matilda Gustafson, 62 years.  
Dec. 10. Michael H. Leanard, 42 years, 9 days.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK B. FARWELL

*Town Clerk*

## VALUATION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS

## RESIDENTS

Adams, Agnes	Home place	3500
	Lawrence lot	100
	Cummock lot	200
	Morse lot	50
	Luther Tarbell lot	40
	Blood lot	100
	Thompson lot	50
	Thomas Tarbell lot	700
	Towne lot	50
	Walter Cummock lot	75
	Meadow lot	25
	Pine lot near Spear place	100
	Harry Foster lot	75
	Prescott lot	400
	Werren pasture	400
	Jackson lot	500
Adams, Agnes and Geo. A.		
	Dutton lot	150
	Ingalls lot	125
	Hattie Ingalls lot	80
	Morris lot	175
	Martin Elliott place	1800
	Herick lane	5
	Boynton lot	100
Arnold, Emma	Home place	1800
Barnes, Chas. L.	Home place	1500
	Ingalls place	575
	Tom pasture	200
	Ingalls lot	125
Beck, John	Home place	1250
	Part of Richardson farm	250
Brown, Fred L.	Home place	1500
Babb, Henry D.	Home place	500
Babb, Chas. H.	Home place	1000

Bell, James	Home place	500
	Daley land	25
Butler, William	Home place	500
Blake, Alice E.	Home place	2000
Berry, Alice	Home place	2000
Creighton, Willis	Corner lot	80
Creighton, Hammond	Home place	1000
Churchill, Annie L.	Home place	4500
Chesborough, Chauncey	Home place	600
Davis, Samuel	Home place	1200
	Davis place	650
Dunham, Francis	Home place	1000
Elliott, Orran	Home place	700
	Parker pasture	600
Emmerson, Chas. E.	Home place	800
Eaton, Tracy A.	Home place	4500
	Barnes lot	75
	Barrett land	275
Eaton, Albert B.	Lot near sandpit	60
	Meadow lot	50
	Goodwin land	150
Everett, Herman	Home place	800
Erickson, Henry	Home place	1600
Flagg, Stanley A.	Home place	800
	Austin place	150
	Cottage	300
Farwell, Chas. A., heirs	Home place	1200
Farwell, Flora V.	Home place	1200
	Part of Farwell place	200
Foster, Harry	Home place	700
	Barber lot	180
	Watson land	100
	Fox lot	40
Gustafson, Otto	Home place	4500
Gailey, Robert S.	Home place	900
	Smith lot	150
	Undivided half Morris lot	100

Genner, Geo. E.	Home place	1400
Heald, Grace	Home place	3000
Heald, Benjamin	Cottage	1000
Howe, Geo. L.	Home place	650
Hill, Harland and Joseph	Chamberlain place	800
Helsten, August	Home place	800
Ilimaki, Wenne	Home place	3000
Jackson, Fred E.	Jackson estate	1500
	Blood place	800
	Fitzgerald place	150
Jones, Martha L.	Home place	4000
	Jones lot	250
Kivimaki, John	Home place	2000
Kennedy, Mary A.	Home place	700
Larno, Oscar	Home place	1500
	Putney land	140
	Undivided half Robbins place	170
Lawrence, Maude E.	Home place	1000
	C. H. Flagg land	170
	Samuel Stone land	125
	Hill land	25
	Part of Farwell farm	600
	Upton land	300
	Blood land	200
Lehto, Jacob	Home place	1500
	Withington place	300
Merriam, Martha, heirs	Home place	1600
	Part of Smith place	500
Miller, Harold C.	Home place	2500
Marceau, Eugene	Home place	2500
Muhanen, Mattie	Home place	1300
	Hall land	500
McIsaacs, James	Home place	600
	Williams place	100
Newell, Bertha	Home place	1800
Noble, Delmore P.	Home place	800

	No. 10 lot	250
Oikelmus, Kosta	Home place	1000
Osgood, William	Home place	300
Perkins, Nellie	Sergent place	800
Reed, Caroline, heirs	Home place	7000
Reed, James O.	Davis lot	125
	Ingalls and Reed lot	110
	Russell land	2000
	Mary Parker land	100
	Webber lot	165
	Farnsworth lot	5000
	Hodgman lot	800
	Walter Robbins lot	500
Reed, Ellery F.	Home place	800
Renolds, Frank H.	Renolds place	1250
	Meloy place	400
	Proctor lot	150
	Richards place	185
Shuman, Georganna	Home place	800
Spear, Harry	Home place	500
Russell, Jason, heirs	Home place	9000
	Meadow lot	100
	Kimball lot	2000
	Cram lot	220
	Wellington lot	120
	Elliott meadow	50
	Abbott meadow	100
	Hoar lot	350
	Hoar pasture	200
	Kimball lot	150
	Pratt pond and land	500
Smith, John D.	Home place	1600
Smith, John T.	Undivided Morris lot	100
Tighe, Patrick	Home place	2000
Whitaker, Everett H.	Home place	3000
	Flagg land	150
	Herman Whitaker place	4500

Whitaker, H. E., E. H.	Part of Childs place	1000
	Porter land	300
Whitaker, Harriet E.	Home place	7000
	Undivided half Louis lot	250
Whitaker, Fred	Flagg land	100
	Meadow land	40
	Undivided half Childs lot	300
Washburn, Guy F.	Home place	1200
Whittier, Roy	Home place	200
Wharff, Conray G.	Home place	1800
	Cascade cottage	800
	Tarbell land	125
	Peabody lot	20
	Store house and barn	1500
Wiik, John	Home place	1200
Wilson, James E.	Home place	2200
	Hero lot	20
	Potash lot	10

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#### NON-RESIDENT

Adams, Geo. A.	Knox place	\$400
	Day lot	600
	Lucas Adams place	1500
	Creig lot	800
Abbott, Stanley H.	Mitchell pasture	1000
	Hartwell pasture	2000
	Upton pasture	1000
	Harris Abbott estate	3000
	Ingalls lot	150
	Hodgman land	1000
Abbott, Kathrine and Wolf		
	Sprout lot	15
	Hemlock tree pasture	500
Amsden, Esther	Amsden place	300

Adams, A. M., heirs	Wood lot	400
Bestian, Frank H., heirs		
	Withey place	400
Ball, Samuel A. W.	Russell land	150
	Perley Pierce land	150
Blood, Geo. L.	Wood lot	200
Blanchard, Arthur	Timber lot	1200
Bancroft, W. L.	Mead lot	1500
Bexter, William	McDonald lot	400
	Hildreth lot	700
Blanch, Nellie	Davis lot	300
Boynton, Florence B.	Job Foster lot	300
Barber, David N.	Barber land	350
Blanch, Grover	Sawtell lot	125
Brown, Roy	Nobbie hill	200
Beauley, Thomas	Morgan place	500
	Carruth place	400
Beck, Joseph	Land and shop	50
	Part of Newell place	100
Buckman, Chas. C.	Part of Mitchell place	100
Boston & Maine R. R.	Quarry land	600
Bloom, Geo.	Part of Eaton place	400
Cambell, Edgar C.	Cleaveland lot	40
	Sprout lot	100
	Sprout lot	25
Chamberlain Heirs	Sprout lot	30
Conant, H. A.	Pasture	350
Clement, L. U.	Part of Bastian	1000
Crathern, Sarah D.	Trull lot	500
	Hodgman lot	75
	Barrett lot	500
	Barrett lot	200
	Part of S. T. Smith place	200
Caron, Maglorie	Part of Jerome Davis lot	150
Conray, Frank H., heirs		
	Wood lot	75
Coffy, Thomas	Sprout lot	125

Cronin, Patrick H.	Swett place	800
Chute, Annie J., heirs	Hunt lot	600
	Ingalls lot	100
	Kemp lot	150
	A. M. Adams lot	160
	Ingalls meadow	100
	Proctor lot	80
	Lawrence lot	50
Daman and Richardson		
	Otis Walter lot	50
	Hodgman lot	575
	Morton L. Barrett	700
Dorehtry, John	Dorehtry place	500
Dow, Flora W.	Holden place	2000
	Part of March lot	150
	Holden lot	700
Davis, Chas.	Ingalls lot	100
	Ingalls lot	200
Diamond Match Co.	Brown lot	75
Davis, John E.	Wilson lot	50
Drew, Mary C.	Home place	1800
	March lot	75
Driver, Gene Ellis	House and land	400
Dudley, Fred H.	Cathcut lot	300
Elliott, John	Elliott place	500
	Hill lot	75
	Flagg lot	75
	Ingalls lot	25
Elliott, Robert	Part of A. M. Adams lot	200
Elliott, Nellie C. R.	Wheeler pasture	1000
	Ox pasture	300
	Radin place	400
	Parker pasture	1000
	Samuel Tarbell place	4000
Ferrin, Ralph	House and land	1000
Fogg, Elizabeth	Cottage	700
Fessenden, Thirsa	Williams lot	275

Fessenden, Orvil D.	O. D. Fessenden land	300
	Colburn lot	85
	Hall lot	200
	Russell and Seaver land	110
Finity, J. W.	Quarry land	2000
Ferrari, Julius	Gibbs place	2500
Farrar, Elbridge	Quarry land	50
Farnsworth Edward	Sprout land	100
Flitner, A. D.	Part of Flitner farm	50
	Hodgman lot	200
	Part of Ingalls lot	250
Fessenden Co., Inc.	Farnsworth lot	120
	Brown and Gassett lot	4000
	Russell and Cleveland land	60
	Durant lot	3000
	Cambell lot	25
	Brooks lot	2500
	Hurricane Hill lot	100
	Woods lot	1000
	Eli Brooks lot	400
	Gilman lot	500
	Bexter lot	3400
	Sawtell lot	800
Goodwin, Daniel, heirs	Cram lot	500
	Barber land	500
	Peabody land	400
	Mill lot	100
	Peabody shop and land	150
	Part of Peabody place	800
	Johnson lot	35
	Scripture land	10
Graves, Nelson	Part of True Robbins place	175
Gates, Pliny	Part of E. J. Hodgman land	200
Hanslick, Bertha	Part of Mitchell place	1700
Hall, Geo., heirs	Meadow land	40
	Sprout land	40

Hall, Joseph, heirs	Sprout land	35
Hall, A. A.	Wood land	250
Hill, W. B. & J. A.	Jeffs lot	300
	Sprout lot	50
	Baldwin lot	250
Hurley, Con	Part of Blood place	250
Hosmer, Willis	Undivided half of Louise lot	250
Howe, Mrs. Geo. A.	No. 10 lot	1500
Hill, Winfred A.	Part of Richardson place	500
Hartwell, Herbert H.	Tarbell place	500
	Childs place	700
	Wright place	700
Howe Lumber Co.	Creighton lot	2500
	Oconel lot	1000
	March lot	500
	Boynton lot	30
	Maxwell lot	100
Healey, Bridget M.	Smith place	700
Heald, Philip	Livingston lot	100
Hill, Fred	Buildings and land	500
Jones, Allen	Mill lot	100
Kimball, Henry	Part of Mead lot	250
Kimball, Ernest R.	Lot near Pratt Pond	125
Kimball, Lizzie, heirs	Home place	2500
	Newell place	1000
	Wilson lot	200
King, Geo.	Part of Farwell farm	600
Lamb, Bronson, heirs	Blackington lot	200
Levigney, Leo E.	Part of Bastain place	2000
Town of Mason	Laurence land	250
Lowell, Silas, heirs	Newell land	100
Lowell, Pauline, heirs	House near depot	600
Lumpio, John	Part of Winship place	100
Leland, Fredrick H.	Part of Peabody place	2500
Lepore, John	Clarence Elliott place	400
McRobbie, Mary G.	Part of McRobbie place	250
McIntire, Isabell	Part of Dexter place	800

Martin, H. L.	Part of Eaton place	1000
Murphy, Louise	Part of Davis place	500
Morse, Joseph A.	Morse place	1500
	Kinworthy place	400
Mason Granite Co.	Quarry and land	5000
Mead, Lucy E.	Mead and Richardson lot	200
Moir, Lovetta	Parcel of land	100
Nutting, Edward, heirs	Sprout land	10
	Sprout land	45
New England B. & Co.	Part of Louise Hodgman lot	25
Nevill, Daniel C.	Part of Watson land	100
Nickelson, Ida M.	Robbins place	800
Post, Francis	Allison place	800
Piper, Louise M.	Walter Robbins lot	650
	Henry Barrett lot	350
	Shattuck lot	50
Pierce, Harry	School house and land	200
Pierce, E. F.	Prescott lot	100
Pierce, Perley L.	Kimball and French lot	200
	Sprout lot	15
Pierce, Geo. W.	Shattuck meadow	135
Porter, David N.	Boynton place	3300
Page, Austin	Part of Eaton place	1000
Parker & Fowler	Hodgman orchard	100
Parson & Harrington	Blanch lot	55
	Creig lot	300
Rathburn, Lillian A.	Blood place	1000
Russell, Chas. L.	Louis Hodgman lot	100
	Leonard Farwell place	175
Richardson & Bennett	Part of Amasa Elliott place	500
Russell, Clarence R.	Sprout land	40
Russell, Elmer E.	Russell and Hays lot	100
	Brown lot	35
	Merrill lot	450
Reed, Harold	Batchelder lot	50
	Sprout lot	25
Russell, Edward H.	Russell farm	7500

	Meadow lot	50
	Hall land	800
Reed, Kelsey G.	J. H. Elliott farm	7000
Richardson, Mary S.	Part of Richardson farm	50
Richards, Rodney	Wood land	500
Ruckstual, Madaline	Wilson place	1500
Russell, James H.	Elliott place	4000
	Elliott meadow	300
	Gilman farm	1500
Rideout, Grace	Holden place	200
Richardson, E. B., heirs	Part of Richardson place	4000
Renolds, Mary	Upton lot	200
Robbins, Maryette	Part of Farwell farm	100
Sawtell, Henry B.	Part of S. N. Barrett lot	1500
Scripture Heirs	Undivided Scripture place	250
Schriber, Josephine	House and land	600
Stickney, C. B.	Sawtell lot	350
Stuart, James	Cambell place	350
Schnithine, Geo.	Cottage	300
Thompson, Joseph F.	M. L. Barrett lot	60
Tarbell, Sarah D.	Tarbell place	6000
	Thompson place	400
	Johnson lot	400
	Russell and Hannah lot	200
	March lot	55
	Meadow lot	10
	Upton lot	225
	Flagg lot	15
Upton, Geo. H.	Proctor lot	300
Vizna, Peter	Farrar place	100
Weston, Walter S.	Part of Jerome Davis lot	200
	Land on Fitchburg road	600
	Land near No. 6 schoolhouse	150
Wright, Emma A.	Hall land	1500
Webster, Chas. B.	Childs lot	500
Wright, Richard	Betterly lot	100













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